

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests further examination and reconsideration in view of the instant response. Claims 11-13 remain pending in the case. Claims 1-10 are rejected. Claims 11-13 are allowed. Claims 1-10 are cancelled herein without prejudice.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for allowing Claims 11-13.

SPECIFICATION INFORMALITIES

The disclosure is objected to be cause of informalities in paragraphs [0002], [0008], [0053], [0062] and [0064]. Applicants have made the appropriate corrections.

35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 1-6, 9 and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by United States Patent 6,282,511 by Mayer, hereinafter referred to as the "Mayer" reference. Claims 1-6, 9 and 10 have been cancelled herein without prejudice, therefore a discussion of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) is moot at this time.

35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 7 and 8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Mayer in view of United States Patent 6,493,673 by Ladd et al. Claims 7 and 8 have been cancelled herein without prejudice, therefore a discussion of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is moot at this time.

CONCLUSION

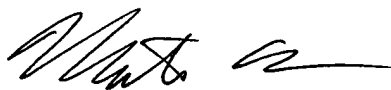
Based on the remarks and amendments presented above, Applicants request allowance of the present Application. Applicants further point out that no contested Claims remain in the present Application.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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